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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Director of Global Issues

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SUBJECT: Comments on the OSTP Memorandum, "US Research and Development"

1. Action Requested. Your signature on reply to memorandum from Becky N. Dunlop, Director, Office of Cabinet Affairs. She sent you a copy of an OSTP paper on US research and development, and asked for your reaction.

2. Background. US research and development is the first of a series of topics to be addressed by the Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade. OSTP took the lead in preparing the issue paper on this topic. The paper examines the adequacy of US research and development, both Federal and industrial, in responding to high-technology challenges from abroad. It provides a set of options to increase Federal support of R&D for consideration by US officials in preparation of the FY84 budget. From our view, the OSTP report does not develop an adequate framework for choosing among the policy options listed. To address something as important as US Policy on Research and Development, the Cabinet Council should remand the report to OSTP for further work.

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